



Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

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Dear Health Home Provider,

Health Homes are required to obtain and report certain baseline health measures which become useful metrics in demonstrating the effectiveness and value of the Health Home Program. However, in light of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) state of emergency, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) recognizes that obtaining these essential health measures has had an access impact for participants. Therefore, MDH will temporarily permit Health Home providers who are unable to meet with their participants in person to delay obtaining these essential baseline health measures during a participant's initial intake assessment, enrollment, and when reporting participant outcomes (required every six months).

For the duration for the COVID-19 state of emergency, the following baseline health indicators do not need to be submitted for new enrollments and the outcomes report via the eMedicaid platform. When completing the eMedicaid intake form, please enter the following extreme values associated with each baseline health indicator.

1. Height (90 in)
2. Weight (1,000 lbs)
3. Blood Pressure (BP (300/300))
4. BMI (automatically populates)

To distinguish new Health Home participants where these health measures were not obtained, please list the name of the Primary Therapist/ Counselor as first name "COVID" last name "COVID."

Please be aware that these provisions are temporary. Health Home providers are to obtain and report these baseline health measures as soon as possible once the state of emergency has ended. Please direct any questions or concerns to mdh.healthhomes@maryland.gov

Sincerely,

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